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EXDIS - FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM EGAN

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SUBJECT:ANOTHER BINDER STORY ON SILBERMAN ON THE WAY

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1. BINDER CALLED FRED BROWN THIS AFTERNOON TO SAY THAT THE TIMES WOULD BE RUNNING ANOTHER SILBERMAN STORY TOMORROW, SEPT 23. BINDER INDICATED THAT HE TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN LAST NIGHT AND GOT A DENIAL "SIMILAR" TO THE STATEMENT FRED VOLUNTEERED YESTERDAY (WHICH THE ARTICLE WILL ALSO QUOTE). BINDER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE TIMES HAD CHECKED ITS SOURCES AND THEY WILL STAND BY THEIR ORIGINAL VERSION.

2. SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN HAVE BOTH BEEN INFORMED.

3. WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR USUN TO TRANSMIT THE FULL TEXT OF THE NEW BINDER PIECE TO YOU DIRECTLY AS SOON AS IT HITS THE STREETS IN NEW YORK.

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4. AS DISCUSSED REFTTEL, FRED RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO TAKE A QUESTION DURING YESTERDAY'S BRIEFING AS TO WHETHER THE AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE ORIGINAL BINDER STORY. HE HAS NOT YET POSTED THE PROPOSED NEGATIVE RESPONSE AND FEELS NO OVERRIDING OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION AT ALL. DEPENDING ON HOW THIS SECOND BINDER PIECE COMES OUT HE WOULD JUST AS SOON LET IT RIDE.

5. TOMORROW'S FOLLOW-UP STORY MAY GENERATE ADDITIONAL PRESS QUERIES, AND UNLESS THE TIMES PRINTS SOMETHING NEW AND STARTLING, WE SUGGEST FRED SIMPLY INDICATE THAT HE HAS NOTHING MORE TO SAY ON THE ISSUE BEYOND HIS STATEMENT OF THE 21ST. IF ASKED IF HIS ORIGINAL STATEMENT WAS ISSUED ON THE AMBASSADOR'S INSISTENCE HE WILL SIMPLY SAY "NO."

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